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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/851,938	KANIZ ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Man Phan	2665	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the communications filed 6/17/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-20 (Claims are renumbered as 1-19 respectively).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>9/21/01, 11/19/04</u> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |
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Reasons for allowance

1. This communication is in response to applicant's 06/17/2005 amendment in the application of Kaniz et al. for a "Parallel lookup tables for locating information in a packet switched network" filed 05/10/2001. The proposed amendment to the claims, and response have been entered and made of record. Claim 2 has been cancelled per Applicant's request, and Claims 1, 6, 8-9 have been amended. The claims have been amended to better point out and more distinctly claim subject matter comprising the invention.

2. Claims 1, 3-20 are allowable as evident by applicant's amendment (Claims are renumbered as 1-19 respectively)

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The instant application is deemed to be directed to a nonobvious improvement over the invention patented in closest prior arts of record. The improvement comprises the logic circuit coupled to the receive ports and configured to determine frame forwarding information for the received frames, the logic circuit including a plurality of address lookup tables, each of the address lookup tables including a plurality of addressable table entries for storing information relating to the frames, each of the addressable table entries including at least a port vector field that identifies ports corresponding to the frames of the addressable table entries and an address field that identifies network addresses of the frames, the logic circuit, when performing a write operation to one of the plurality of address lookup tables, determines the one of the plurality of address tables to

write to based on the least significant bit of one of the source field or the destination field of the received frame; storing the entry in one of the first sub-table and the second sub-table at the calculated row address by writing the entry to the one of the first sub-table or the second sub-table based on a pre-selected bit in the network address; a logic device configured to calculate a first row address of the first and second address tables that the frame forwarding information is to be stored at, determine whether the frame forwarding information is to be stored in the first or the second address table based on a pre-selected bit in the received frames, and store the frame forwarding information in the determined first or second table in the first available entry at the first row address as a table entry, as specifically recited in the claims.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Man U. Phan whose telephone number is (571) 272-3149. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 6:00 am to 3:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu, can be reached on (571) 272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

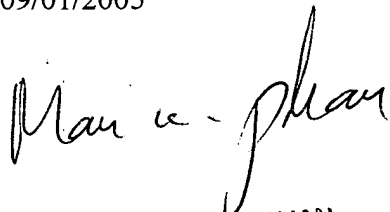
Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Man U. Phan".

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